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Ex-Red Spy Has Date To Tell All to Senators

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All plans have been readied for Soviet Secret Police defector Michal Goleniewski to make his oft-thwarted appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

It was learned today that the central figure of an uproar in Congress last Thursday, and of a spy series in the N.Y. Journal-American, has been re-related for questioning "in a few days" before a highly-interested group of Senators.

The time and place of his interrogation will not be revealed to him and most of his questioners until a few hours before the start. An informed source said "it won't be on Capitol Hill or anywhere you might expect."

This lent substance to the report that the subcommittee chairman, Sen. James O. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, had picked a spot inside one of a number of Federal installations offering military police protection in or near Washington.

The possible list ranges from the Marine Corps base at Quantico, Va., through a score of Army, Navy and Air Force posts

in the Washington-Baltimore area.

The new date for Col. Goleniewski's appearance before the Senate panel is apparently the first by-product of the oratorical fireworks over him and his case last Thursday in the House.

On the last session before a 10-day Easter recess, and after releases had been distributed in the press gallery, Rep. Leslie R. Arends (R.-Ill.) led an assault on the Journal-American spy series.

He termed the Journal-

American stories "irresponsible" and said they displayed "a reckless disregard for the truth."

The only Congressman who has interviewed Col. Goleniewski at length heard about the Arends speech and rushed to the floor. He is Rep. Michael A. Feighan, Cleveland Democrat.

Rep. Feighan Poses A Few Questions

Rep. Feighan won the right to pose a series of questions which repeated all the Goleniewski charges published by the Journal-American: That there were KGB (Russian Secret Police) agents in the State Dept.,

CIA and in U.S. scientific laboratories; that \$1,200,000 in CIA funds had been passed to the Reds; that the defector had been "discouraged" by certain CIA officials in his efforts to follow up leads to traitorous Americans.

In his first interview on the wide ramifications of the case, Rep. Feighan told this reporter yesterday:

"I am concerned about the confusion which is growing over the case of Michal Goleniewski. I believe the only way to eliminate that confusion, which certainly does not serve the interests of our country, is through Congressional hearings, which I advocated to be held forthwith.

"I was compelled to take the floor of the House last Thursday simply because the Goleniewski case was projected into the affairs of Congress.

"It was my duty to make certain the facts in the case would

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be the basis of judgment by Congress and not the opinions of some who very likely are not aware of all the facets and ramifications."

A subpoena for Goleniewski's appearance before the committee last Fall had been quashed. A second committee date with him was cancelled recently, reportedly because his wife was ill.

Never Expected To Read His Story

The developments have intensified two personal ordeals which are now under way in connection with the case.

One is Col. Goleniewski's. The other is Rep. Feighan's.

When the Polish defector was induced last Summer to tell the story of Red agents on Federal payrolls to Congressmen Feighan and his two sides—both longtime experts on the Soviet Union—he never expected to read about his disclosures a few months later in the N. Y. Journal-American. He believed only that he would be asked to elaborate on them in secret testimony before a Congressional committee.

Publication of his charges before his interrogation by Congress has reportedly distressed him greatly. He has sent word to Capitol Hill that he now, not only fears for his safety from Russian avengers but "from a new set of American enemies."

Congressman Feighan, like-

wise, never expected to read the story in a newspaper before it was told under oath to Congress. It's publication upset his carefully-made plans to get Goleniewski—after two false starts—before the Senate panel.

Ever since last summer Mr. Feighan and his two aides have been working on the leads Goleniewski provided to obtain proof or documentary corroboration which could stand up in court of the traitorous acts of the Americans named.

He and his aides have obtained such evidence against many of the American culprits. They foresaw the contingency that something might happen to the defector or that he might not dare to repeat his charges before Congress.

Original Charges And the Proof

Thus, whatever Goleniewski chooses to do or say on the stand, the Feighan team have their ace card locked up in a formidable safe—the original charges and considerable proof of their accuracy.

All this has made Mr. Feighan the possessor of a political time-bomb. It has put him under enormous pressure from his fellow Democrats to have the bomb detonated in a manner which will do the least harm to innocent parties.

The Ohio legislator has responded by trying to convert this pressure towards his avowed goal of speeding up

Government action.

A principal issue at stake is the so-called "anti-escalation" or "soft-answer" policy.

Basically it's the policy of taking pains not to allow a spat or incident between Russia and the U.S. to escalate into nuclear war.

Goleniewski is reliably reported to have informed our intelligence networks that Poland was poised and ready to drive out the Russians in October 1956, with 40 divisions of Poles and East Germans alerted.

There was a day, according to him, when Premier Khrushchev was held in the air over Warsaw for more than four hours before he was allowed to land.

In that four-hours-plus the Polish military leaders dickered for U.S. moral support, but were rejected. The decision may have been a wise one, but the incident discloses the willingness of two large Red satellites to turn on their unwanted masters if there's any prospect of success.

The Russians obviously know this. Their captive nations has been a raw-nerve topic with them for years. It's a raw nerve which our State Dept. has gone out of its way to bandage rather than irritate.

In a little-noted speech in Cleveland a few days ago, Congressman Feighan mentioned this near-uprising in Poland, but has declined to say whether he got the information from Col. Goleniewski.

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